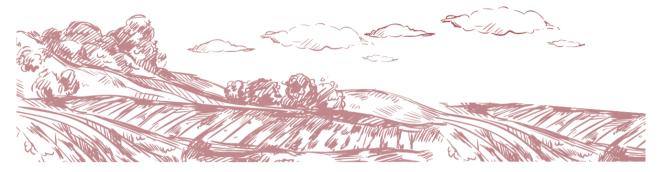
2021 GRENACHE - SPEAR VINEYARD



STA. RITA HILLS AVA SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our second vintage of single varietal Grenache from Spear Vineyard and we continue to be charmed by this wonderful site! This wine begins with beautiful botanicals on the nose: chamomile, tarragon and thyme, which slowly give way to bright, juicy fruits: wild strawberries and brambly blackberries. The fruit really delivers on the palate, enhanced by a mouth coating texture and a serious fruit "punch" on the finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases: 152

Appellation: Sta. Rita Hills Varietal composition: 100% Grenache

Clonal selection: 362

% Whole cluster: 65%

Soil at site: Loam/Linestone/Sand

Barrels | Aging: 18 months in neutral French

oak

Alcohol: 14.2%

 Brix:
 24.1

 pH at harvest:
 3.35

 Finished pH:
 3.89

 Finished TA:
 5.0 g/L

Harvest date: 10/20/2021 Bottling date: 3/17/2023 Release date: January 2024

2021 VINTAGE

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 was an even, cool vintage allowing fruit extended hang time to concentrate flavors and complexity without losing acid. Wines from this vintage are powerful while still being moderate in alcohol, and maintaining freshness and fruit purity.

SPEAR VINEYARD

Spear Vineyards & Winery is located in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills just off of Highway 246. Dedicated to sustainability, Spear utilizes CCOF certified organic farming techniques that result in nourished soils that improve vine health and vineyard expression. We are excited to be sourcing beautiful and organic fruit from this impeccably farmed site

ACCOLADES

94 points - Wine Enthusiast Dried cherry, tarry asphalt and singed leather aromas make for a very earthy style of Grenache on the nose of this single-vineyard expression. The palate is wildly complex, offering tight flavors of cranberry and red plum with ample white peppercorn and singed thyme elements adding elegance. — Matt Kettmann